

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1     1.     An apparatus comprising:  
2           a conversion mechanism configured to  
3           process network device status data that conforms to a first format and is received by  
4           the apparatus, and  
5           generate, based upon the status data, report data that conforms to a plurality of  
6           formats supported by a plurality of recipient devices.
- 1     2.     The apparatus recited in Claim 1, wherein the network device status data is received  
2           by the apparatus directly from a plurality of multi-function peripherals that each  
3           perform one or more of printing, copying, faxing and scanning.
- 1     3.     The apparatus recited in Claim 2, wherein the network device status data specifies one  
2           or more of consumable levels, a meter reading or need for a service call.
- 1     4.     The apparatus recited in Claim 1, wherein the network device status data is received  
2           by the apparatus from a status data server that collects network device status data  
3           from a plurality of network devices.

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1 5. The apparatus recited in Claim 1, wherein the network device status data received by  
2 the apparatus is encrypted and the apparatus is configured to decrypt the network  
3 device status data.

1 6. The apparatus recited in Claim 1, wherein the conversion mechanism is configured to  
2 generate the report data in either XML or CSV format.

1 7. The apparatus recited in Claim 1, wherein the network device status data is XML data  
2 that conforms to a first XML schema and the report data is XML data that conforms  
3 to a second XML schema.

1 8. The apparatus recited in Claim 1, wherein the apparatus is configured to  
2 generate both first report data conforms to a first data format supported by a first  
3 recipient device from the plurality of recipient devices and second report data  
4 conforms to a second data format supported by a second recipient device from the  
5 plurality of recipient devices, and  
6 provide the first report data to the first recipient device and the second report data to  
7 the second recipient device.

1 9. The apparatus recited in Claim 1, wherein the apparatus is configured to provide the  
2 report data to the plurality of recipient devices using one or more Internet protocols  
3 including SMTP, HTTP, HTTPS and FTP.

1 10. The apparatus recited in Claim 1, wherein the apparatus is configured to provide the  
2 report data to the plurality of recipient devices based upon a schedule.

1 11. The apparatus recited in Claim 1, wherein the apparatus is configured to provide the  
2 report data at a first time to a first recipient device from the plurality of recipient  
3 devices and to provide the report data at a second time to a second recipient device  
4 from the plurality of recipient devices, wherein the first and second times are  
5 different.

1 12. The apparatus recited in Claim 1, wherein the apparatus is configured to provide the  
2 report data to the plurality of recipient devices, wherein the report data provided to  
3 each of the plurality of recipient devices contains identification data that uniquely  
4 identifies the recipient device.

1 13. The apparatus recited in Claim 1, wherein the apparatus is configured to provide a  
2 notification if a receipt confirmation indicating receipt of the report data is not  
3 received from a particular recipient device from the plurality of recipient devices.

1 14. The apparatus recited in Claim 1, further comprising a storage device for storing the  
2 recipient device status data.